



Azalea Road Project

Lake Craig Flood Management

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Timeline

2015 JANUARY
Project complete

2014 SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
Assembly of bridge
Sidewalk installation
Patching existing Azalea Road

2014 SPRING/SUMMER
Grading floodplain and bridge
construction begun

2014 FEBRUARY
Grading
Bridge abutments
Stream restoration

2013 JUNE 15
Begin construction

2013 MAY 21
Award construction contract

2013 MAY 9
Open construction bids

2013 MARCH 18
Final TRC approval

2013 FEBRUARY 6
Planning & Zoning Review
([minutes & audio recording](#))

2012 DECEMBER 7
Technical Review Committee
review

2012 OCTOBER 19
Last day to submit comments

2012 SEPTEMBER 25
[Environmental assessment](#)
completed.

2012 SEPTEMBER 4
Third community meeting

2012 MARCH 1
Second community meeting

What's happening now?

Work on the bridge is underway and the abutments are completed. The next step for the bridge will be assembling the components that make up the bridge. The flood plain is being shaped to the final grade and the grading has started on the new parking area for the John B. Lewis Soccer Complex. Sidewalk installation along Gashes Creek Road will begin soon.

Check out the [blog](#) for the rest of the story!

Why it's happening

Phase I of the Lake Craig / Azalea Road Improvements Project is an effort to better manage high water flood events and create new and improved infrastructure for vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists at one of the City of Asheville's most popular park complexes. The \$3.7 million project [uses a mix of federal and state local funds](#) and will include:

- Much needed [flood control](#)
- Traffic signal and turn lane along NC 81 near the [WNC Nature Center](#), [Recreation Park](#), and the [John B. Lewis Soccer Complex](#) (NCDOT project)
- Sidewalks along Swannanoa River Road, a bike path and road improvements along Azalea Road
- One-way road into the John B. Lewis Soccer Complex to improve

Supporting documents

[Environmental assessment](#)
[Aerial photo of proposed project](#)

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